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# Washington Asparagus



## **ORIGIN:**

Washington Asparagus is the result of fifteen years of plant research and breeding by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Commercial growers have had time to make trial plantings and compare it with other varieties. They have found it to be superior to any and all other varieties of asparagus, so although it is a new variety, nevertheless it has been "released" long enough to prove that it is one of the most valuable contributions to plant life ever developed by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Washington Asparagus is fast growing, consequently the shoots are exceedingly tender, the flavor is most excellent and of a peculiar and pleasing sweetness—it yields heavy stalks from 1" to 2" in diameter; the bud does not open or branch out until well above the cutting height. The shoots are a most beautiful dark green with a heavy purple tinge. So rank and fast is its growth that, in our own fields, many plants at two years of age attained a height of from 9' to 11' and the average height of the entire field was well over 6'. This means more and better "grass" for your table or, if you are a commercial grower, it means more profit. It is the only safe and sane variety for you to grow because of its ability to resist the deadly "Asparagus Rust," that has killed thousands of acres of Asparagus in the U. S. in the last 20 years. Comparatively speaking, "Rust" is just as deadly to ordinary varieties of Asparagus as Consumption has been to the American Indian. Washington Asparagus is more particularly described in "U. S. Circular No. 7, Washington Asparagus, published by U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C.

## **SEED OR ROOTS: (?)**

As many of our friends are undecided as to whether to purchase Seed or Roots, we would state that equal results can be obtained from either, provided that our "Cultural Directions" are carefully followed. If Roots are purchased you can cut a small amount of Asparagus for your table next year from plants set out this Spring, whereas it takes a year longer from the Seed—on the other hand, it is much less expensive to start from the seed and much pleasure and experience can be had by starting with Seed—a most satisfactory way to decide would be to Send us an Order for both Seed and Roots.

## **GUARANTEE:**

We guarantee our Seed and Roots to be genuine Washington Asparagus as we grow no other varieties.

## **SEED AND ROOT SELECTION:**

Our plantings of Washington Asparagus are said to be the best and largest in the United States and it is from these fields that our seed selection is made. The Roots we offer are strictly fancy prime one year old—do not be deluded into purchasing two year old roots as Commercial Growers and Experts have proved that plantings with one year roots do better, and yield better, than with two year roots.

## **CULTURAL DIRECTIONS:**

Our "Cultural Directions" (sent with each order for Seed or Roots) are the result of years of practical experience and will be found to be worth many times the initial investment, whether the original order is for your small garden planting or for a ten-acre field planting. These "Cultural Directions" tell you how and when to plant, how to fertilize and how to care for both seedlings and roots, taking you all the way from the planting of the Seed to the Cutting of the mature Asparagus Bed. In fact, they cover everything you need to know in order to produce a fine bed of asparagus, whether it be 100 feet long or 100 acres in extent.

## **WHEN ORDERS CAN BE SHIPPED:**

As Seed will keep almost indefinitely, we can ship orders for Seed a few days after receipt of order, but Roots cannot be dug out of our fields until in March or April after the frost comes out of the ground. However, as soon as Roots can be dug, they will be shipped to you fresh and ready for immediate planting.

## **WHEN TO PLANT AND HOW MUCH:**

Plantings of either Seed or Roots may be made from March 15th to May 1st (in New Jersey, other sections accordingly,) but the earlier the better. SEED PACKET should produce 100 to 150 roots, setting roots 3' apart in the row would give a row of Asparagus 300' to 450' long. ONE POUND of SEED should produce 10,000 to 14,000 roots. FIVE POUNDS of SEED will sow one acre, sowing 8 to 10 seeds per foot of row in rows 30" apart. FIVE THOUSAND ROOTS will set one acre, setting roots 18" apart in the trench and trenches 6' apart.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REMITTANCES AND ORDERS:**

Where delays in the prompt shipment of orders are unavoidable as in the case of "Roots," or for any unforeseen reasons, a receipt will be promptly mailed acknowledging your remittance and order and an approximate delivery date will be stated.

## **PROMPT ORDERING IMPERATIVE:**

Last year we were oversold on both Seed and Roots long before planting time. Immediate ordering will insure deliveries being made in ample time for early Spring planting as all orders will be filled in rotation and, in the meantime, the "chores" of our thousand-acre farm must go on as usual.

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**W**E thank you for your interest in  
**Washington "Rust Resistant" Asparagus**  
and take pleasure in sending you this circular.

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